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For (Title): FUEL CELL AND PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOFBy (Inventors): Shuhei YAMADA, Hirotsuma MIURA, Yasunori YAMAZAKI and Yoshiharu AJIKI

Formal drawings (Figs. 1-44; 30 sheets) are attached.
 Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. _____ filed _____.
 (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)

This patent application is assigned to _____.
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Priority of foreign applications Nos. 2003-041773 filed February 19, 2003 in Japan; 2003-065321 filed March 11, 2003 in Japan; 2003-095966 filed March 31, 2003 in Japan; and 2003-427069 filed December 24, 2003 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

Certified copies of the above corresponding foreign applications are filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

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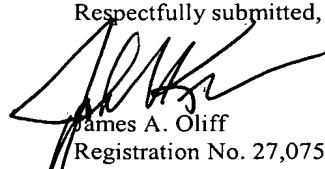
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| | \$ 385 |
| x 9 = | \$ |
| x 43 = | \$ |
| + 145 = | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$ |

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| OR | RATE | FEES |
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| OR | | \$ 770 |
| OR | x 18 | \$ |
| OR | x 86 | \$ 258 |
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